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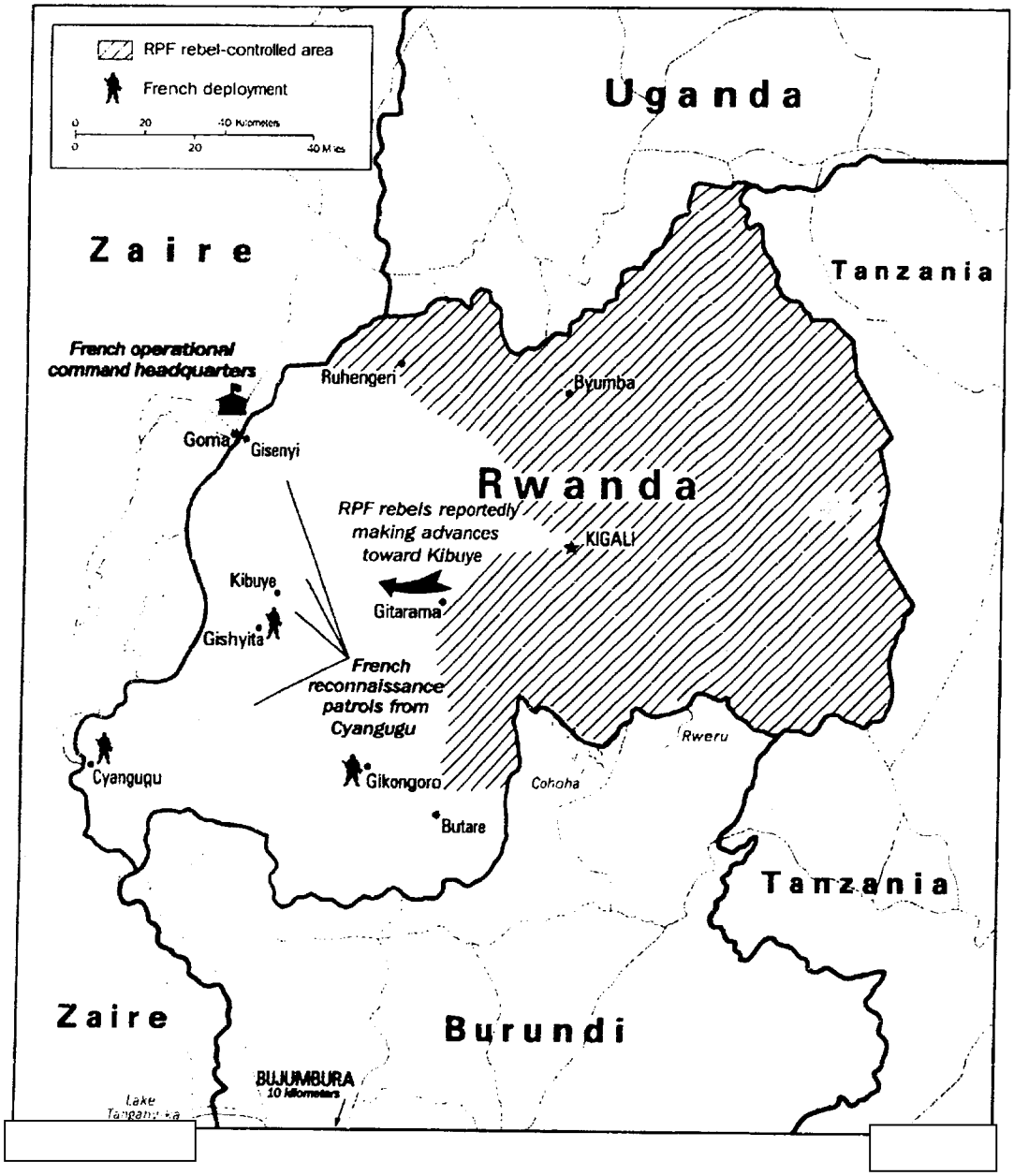

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Rwanda: **French on Collision Course With Rebel Forces**

French military officials said on Wednesday that they hoped deploying French forces would prevent Rwandan Patriotic Front forces from taking Kibuye and splitting government-controlled territory where French forces are operating, according to press reports. Efforts to halt the RPF would be consistent with France's objective to prevent the division of Rwanda,

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A confrontation with RPF forces probably would undermine France's principal objectives for military intervention—ending the massacres and delivering humanitarian aid. Paris probably would also need to revise its plans to withdraw from Rwanda by monthend.

— ***Fighting with RPF forces could quickly dissipate the widespread but probably thin French popular support for the operation.***

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